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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff,

vs.

TYLER LAUBE, et al,

Defendants.

Case No: CR 18-759-CJC-3

DEFENDANT TYLER LAUBE'S
MOTION TO WITHDRAW
GUILTY PLEA AND DISMISS
INDICTMENT

TO: CORMAC J. CARNEY, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE; UNITED
STATES ATTORNEY NICOLA T. HANNA AND ASSISTANT
UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS DAVID RYAN AND GEORGE PENCE:

COMES NOW Defendant Tyler Laube, by and through his counsel of
record, and moves to set aside his guilty plea to the single count of the indictment,
and further moves to dismiss the indictment.

The motion is based upon the Court's authority to set aside a guilty plea
prior to imposition of sentence, pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure

1 11(d)(2)(B). This motion is made on the ground that the Court has dismissed the
2 indictment against defendants Robert Rundo, Robert Boman, and Aaron Eason
3 because the Anti-Riot Act, 18 U.S.C. § 2101, is unconstitutionally overbroad, in
4 violation of the First Amendment, United States Constitution. (See Doc. No. 145.)
5 The defendant incorporates by reference the arguments set forth in Defendant
6 Robert Rundo, Robert Boman, and Aaron Eason's Joint Motion to Dismiss the
7 Indictment (Doc. No. 134), and the oral argument on the hearing of the motion on
8 June 3, 2019.

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10 Dated: June 4, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

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12 /s/ Jerome J. Haig
13 Jerome J. Haig
14 Attorney for defendant
Tyler Laube

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Tyler Laube is charged by Indictment with Conspiracy to Commit a Crime, namely Rioting, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 371 and 2101. On November 20, 2019, Mr. Laube pleaded guilty to the single count in the indictment. Sentencing is scheduled for August 12, 2019. The defendant is on bond.

Defendants Robert Rundo, Robert Boman, and Aaron Eason are charged in the same indictment with Conspiracy to Commit a Crime, namely Rioting, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 371 and 2101 (Count 1), and Rioting, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2101 (Count 2).

On April 22, 2019, Defendants Robert Rundo, Robert Boman, and Aaron Eason filed a joint motion to dismiss all counts in the indictment, arguing, *inter alia*, that the Anti-Riot Act is unconstitutionally overbroad. (See Doc. No. 134.)

On June 3, 2019, the Court granted the moving defendants' motion to dismiss. All counts in the indictment were dismissed against the moving defendants. The defendant Robert Rundo and Robert Boman, who were in custody, were released forthwith; defendant Aaron Eason, who was out on bond, was discharged and his bond exonerated.

At the conclusion of the hearing on the motion to dismiss, the Court invited counsel for defendant Tyler Laube to submit a request for an order consistent with its ruling.

1 **MOTION**

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3 Defendant Tyler Laube requests that this Court grant his motion to
4 withdraw the guilty plea to Count 1 of the Indictment, and further grant his motion
5 to dismiss the Indictment on the same ground that it ruled on the co-defendants'
6 joint motion to dismiss, namely that the Anti-Riot Statute is unconstitutionally
7 overbroad in violation of the First Amendment.

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9 **ARGUMENT**

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11 Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(d)(2)(B) provides that a defendant
12 may withdraw a plea of guilty before sentence is imposed if he "can show a fair
13 and just reason for requesting the withdrawal." District Courts have broad
14 discretion in making such a determination. An intervening decision by the U.S.
15 Supreme Court calling into question the validity of a defendant's indictment is but
16 one similar example of a "fair and just reason" to allow withdrawal of a plea. (*See*
17 *United States vo Ortega-Ascanio*, 376 F.3d. 879 (9th Cir. 2004).

18 This Court's ruling on the unconstitutionality of the statute to which the
19 defendant pleaded guilty is a compelling reason that the plea should be set aside.
20 Clearly, it would be manifestly unfair and unjust for Mr. Laube to remain
21 convicted and subject to a sentence upon a statute that this Court has deemed
22 unconstitutional.

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CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth herein and the reasons set forth in the Court's order dismissing the indictment against the co-defendants, Defendant Tyler Laube requests that the Court allow him to withdraw his guilty plea and then dismiss the indictment

Dated: June 4, 2019

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